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REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending in the application and stand rejected.

Claims 1, 4, 8, 10, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Karszes (US 6,060,003). Applicants respectfully disagree.

Regarding claim 1, Karszes discloses multiple resins that are brought into contact with one another in a "black box" 122 and which are co-extruded as molten plastic material 49. Karszes further discloses impressing a pattern onto one side of the molten plastic material 49. As such, contrary to the Examiner's statement, Karszes does not disclose bringing a first film proximate a molten second film, patterning the molten second film, and solidifying the molten second film as recited in claim 1. Rather, Karszes discloses patterning a co-extruded material 49 comprising three layers.

Regarding claims 4, 8, 10, and 12, these claims ultimately depend from claim 1 that is patentable over Karszes for the reasons set forth herein, and therefore, are patentable at least for the same reasons.

For these reasons, Applicants assert that claims 1, 4, 8, 10, and 12 are patentable over Karszes, and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

Claim 9, 11, and 13-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Karszes. These claims, however, ultimately depend from claim 1 that is patentable over Karszes for the reasons set forth herein, and therefore, are patentable over the same reference at least for the same reasons. For these reasons, Applicants assert that claims 9, 11, and 13-33 are patentable over Karszes under §103(a), and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 2, 3, and 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Karszes in view of Fitzpatrick (US 4,701,019). Applicants respectfully disagree. As stated, Karszes does not disclose claim 1. Furthermore, Fitzpatrick does not cure the deficiencies of

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Karszes because Fitzpatrick, like Karszes, does not disclose bringing a first film proximate a molten second film, patterning the molten second film, and solidifying the molten second film.

Therefore, Applicants assert that claims 2, 3, and 5-7 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Karszes in view of Fitzpatrick, and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and solicit early indication of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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